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SUBJECT: NOVA SCOTIA OPPOSES SALE OF HERRING TO

POLAND: PRESS REPORT

1. MAY 25 ISSUE OF HALIFAX CHRONICLE-HERALD REPORTS THAT NOVA SCOTIA FISHERIES MINISTER DAN REID HAS SENT TELEGRAMS OF PROTEST TO GOC FISHERIES MINISTER ROMEO LEBLANC AND TO DEPUTY PRIMIN ALLAN MACEACHEN ABOUT POSSIBLE OVER-THE-SIDE SALE OF APPROX 5000 METRIC TONS OF UNPROCESSED HERRING TO POLISH PROCESSING VESSELS BY ATLANTIC HERRING FISHERIES MARKETING COOPERATIVE. BASIS FOR REID S OBJECTION IS FACT THAT PROCESSING PLANTS IN NOVA SCOTIA ARE OPERATING AT LESS THAN 50 PERCENT CAPACITY. SUCH A DEAL, THEREFORE, WOULD ROB NOVA SCOTIA PROCESSING PLANTS OF VALUABLE BUSINESS. "IN A PROVINCE WHICH IS REPORTED TO HAVE DOUBLE DIGIT UNEMPLOYMENT," HE SAID, "THIS JUST DOESN T MAKE SENSE." GOC AND POLISH REPRESENTATIVES, REID INDICATED, MET MAY 24 TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE SALE.,.

2. I SPOKE ON MAY 25 WITH J. STUART MACPHAIL, DIRECTOR OF RESOURCE UTILIZATION, NS DEPT OF FISHERIES, ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE MATTER. MACPHAIL SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH THE HERRING COOPERATIVE HAD MADE OVER-THE-SIDE SALES TO POLISH PROCESSING VESSELS DURING THE PAST TWO FISHING SEASONS WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, SUCH SALES WERE MADE AT A TIME WHEN MOST HERRING WERE BEING SOLD TO FISH MEAL PLANTS AND THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT CUTTING CAPACITY TO PROCESS THE FISH. CUTTING CAPACITY IS NOW AMPLE

AND HERRING FISHERMEN HAVE RECENTLY AGREED WITH PROCESSORS
ON PRICES WHICH THE LATTER WILL PAY FOR HERRING CATCHES.
THE PROCESSORS, MOREOVER, HAVE GUARANTEED THEY WILL
MEET OR BETTER THE PRICE OFFERED BY ANY FOREIGNER.

3. OFFICIALS OF THE FISHERMEN S HERRING COOPERATIVE WERE
NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT.
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